

Table 1. Commercial landings (pounds) for North Carolina from 1972-2001.

Year	Finfish Weight	Shellfish	Total Weight	% Finfish	% Shellfish
1972	146,847,017	21,054,543	167,901,560	87.46	12.54
1973	111,866,832	18,585,830	130,452,662	85.75	14.25
1974	173,240,234	22,808,968	196,049,202	88.37	11.63
1975	214,517,385	17,186,106	231,703,491	92.58	7.42
1976	200,023,988	20,453,247	220,477,235	90.72	9.28
1977	224,865,426	19,885,159	244,750,585	91.88	8.12
1978	269,229,292	30,312,055	299,541,347	89.88	10.12
1979	354,085,423	36,386,661	390,472,084	90.68	9.32
1980	308,046,031	48,146,775	356,192,806	86.48	13.52
1981	388,552,891	43,452,992	432,005,883	89.94	10.06
1982	259,889,675	48,078,248	307,967,923	84.39	15.61
1983	244,086,111	43,646,719	287,732,830	84.83	15.17
1984	235,844,829	41,324,162	277,168,991	85.09	14.91
1985	170,331,478	44,542,610	214,874,088	79.27	20.73
1986	134,399,216	34,482,409	168,881,625	79.58	20.42
1987	114,956,317	42,367,602	157,323,919	73.07	26.93
1988	143,831,049	48,862,127	192,693,176	74.64	25.36
1989	117,328,601	47,868,878	165,197,479	71.02	28.98
1990	125,181,567	49,811,302	174,992,869	71.54	28.46
1991	157,651,237	54,989,911	212,641,148	74.14	25.86
1992	106,089,955	48,339,866	154,429,821	68.70	31.30
1993	118,359,356	52,338,120	170,697,476	69.34	30.66
1994	130,389,982	62,544,317	192,934,299	67.58	32.42
1995	118,633,420	57,367,517	176,000,937	67.40	32.60
1996	117,352,276	73,772,213	191,124,489	61.40	38.60
1997	163,504,621	65,075,041	228,579,662	71.53	28.47
1998	111,399,730	68,824,117	180,223,846	61.81	38.19
1999	86,085,821	67,648,753	153,734,574	55.60	44.00
2000	102,076,014	52,161,022	154,237,036	66.18	33.82
2001	98,039,742	39,119,697	137,159,439	71.48	28.52
Total	5,246,705,516	1,321,436,966	6,568,142,482	79.88	20.12

decreased in 1998 until 2000 when landings remained constant (Table 1). Finfish landings reached a maximum in 1981 with 389 million pounds landed and a minimum in 1999 with only 86 million pounds landed (Table 1). If landings of Atlantic menhaden are excluded from the analysis, then landings of finfish increased from 1973-1980 and then exhibited an overall decline from 1980-1992 (Table 2). Landings of finfish then